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The General Assembly,

Recalling that 2005 marks the sixtieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War and of the victory over fascism, which brought untold sorrow to mankind,

Stressing that this historic victory established the conditions for the creation of the United Nations, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Calling upon the States Members of the United Nations to unite their efforts in dealing with new challenges and threats, with a central role for the United Nations, and to settle all disputes exclusively by peaceful means, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and in such a manner that international peace and security are not endangered,

1. *Decides* to designate 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation, to be observed annually to pay tribute to all who lost their lives in the name of the victory against fascism;

2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals to observe the days of remembrance and reconciliation in an appropriate manner;

3. *Decides* to hold a special solemn meeting of the General Assembly on 9 May 2005 in commemoration of the sacrifices made during the war;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system and to take the measures necessary for its implementation.

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